

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Commission**

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INFORMATION

TOPIC

Update on Petition for Rule Making—Antidegradation

The commission was presented with a petition for rule making from the Iowa Environmental Council, the Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club, and the Hawkeye Flyfishing Association asking for adoption of an antidegradation policy and implementation procedures into the department's water quality standards. The petition was received by the department on October 15, 2007.

The department met with the petitioners on November 16, 2007, to discuss the petition and the department's schedule for adopting an antidegradation policy and implementation procedures.

As agreed to at that meeting, the department will give an informational presentation about antidegradation including:

- General information about the concepts of antidegradation
- What the Clean Water Act says about antidegradation
- EPA regulations on antidegradation

The department will also give an update on the antidegradation policy and implementation procedures that the department is developing.

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